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**AUGUSTA MAN INDICTED FOR IDENTITY THEFT**

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Sabra Johnson, age 32, of Martinez, Georgia**, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah, Georgia.

The indictment alleges that Johnson used his position as President of Tour of Hope, Inc., a local non-denominational ministry, to obtain social security numbers and other identifying information from job applicants. The indictment alleges that Johnson told applicants that they had to provide this information in order to complete their job applications. The indictment further alleges that Johnson used this information to obtain credit cards in the names of those job applicants, and then used those credit cards to make purchases for himself.

The indictment charges Johnson with two counts of wire fraud, three counts of fraudulent use of an access device, and three counts of aggravated identity theft.

The maximum statutory penalty for the charge of wire fraud affecting a financial institution, upon conviction, is thirty years imprisonment. The maximum statutory penalty for the charge of unauthorized use of an access device, upon conviction, is fifteen years

imprisonment. The statutory penalty for aggravated identity theft is, upon conviction, two years imprisonment with that sentence to run consecutive to any other term of imprisonment imposed.

Wood emphasized that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the Augusta office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Special Agent Brian Ozden is the lead case agent. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is assisting in the investigation. The United States is represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Jay Weimer and Nancy Greenwood.

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